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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2008–2009 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State's measure of student progress in achieving the State accountability standards of Maine's *Learning Results*. The *Learning Results* contain goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and include the accountability standards that are assessed for each grade. The MEA is administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act.

The 2008-2009 MEA Summary Reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades and science at grades 5 and 8 and disaggregated by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and subject-specific class analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

MEA results reflect scores based on test questions that are taken in common by the approximately 15,000 students in each grade level. Students' scores in each content area are based on answers to a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions that require students to construct an answer. More information about the MEA is available at www.maine.gov/education/mea/index.htm.

I look forward to working with you in support of our continued efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities designed to help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* and demonstrate that achievement through performance on the assessments.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education



School Report Grade 5

Test Date: March 2009
Code: 12181944
SAU: MSAD 24
School: Van Buren Elementary School

Contents of the Report

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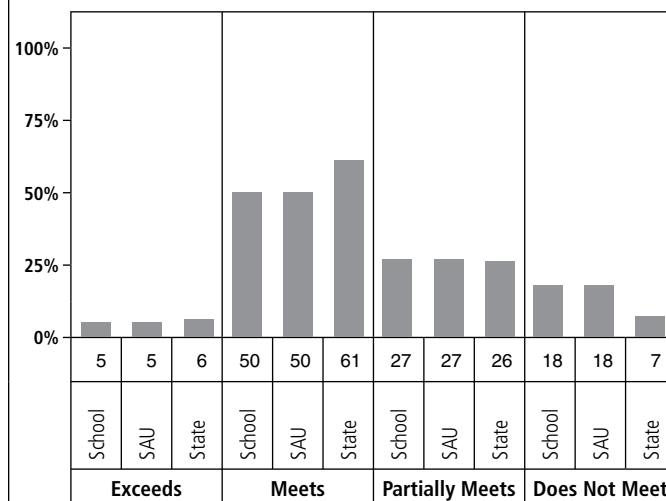
SUMMARY OF SCORES

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
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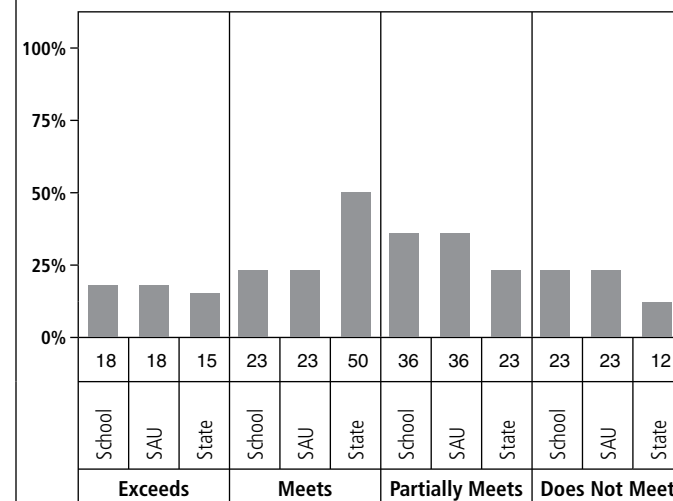
Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Average Scaled Score		
	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	543 542	543 543 542 543	544 545 546 545
Mathematics 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	545 543	545 545 543 544	546 546 547 546
Science 2008–2009 **	536	536	543

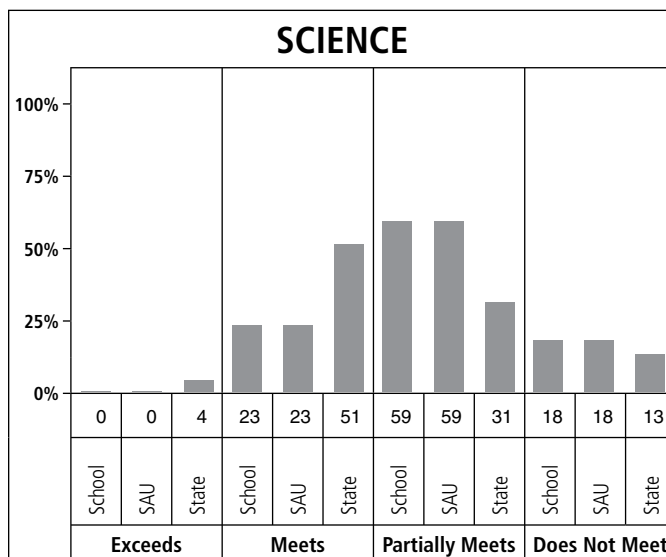
ELA – READING



MATHEMATICS



SCIENCE



*Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.

**Because science testing moved from grade 4 to grade 5 in March 2009, science standards were reset and therefore no historical data are available.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: MSAD 24
School: Van Buren Elementary School

CATEGORY OF PARTICIPATION	Enrollment ¹ during testing window						CONTENT AREA PARTICIPATION ²																	
							ELA-Reading						Mathematics						Science					
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	22	100	22	100	14212	100	22	100	22	100	14135	100	22	100	22	100	14144	100	22	100	22	100	14137	100
Ethnicity African American/Black	0	0	0	0	397	3	0	0	0	0	388	98	0	0	0	0	393	99	0	0	0	0	389	98
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0	0	0	110	1	0	0	0	0	110	100	0	0	0	0	110	100	0	0	0	0	110	100
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	259	2	0	0	0	0	253	98	0	0	0	0	258	100	0	0	0	0	257	99
Hispanic	1	5	1	5	175	1	1	100	1	100	172	99	1	100	1	100	172	99	1	100	1	100	173	99
Caucasian/White	21	95	21	95	13271	93	21	100	21	100	13212	100	21	100	21	100	13211	100	21	100	21	100	13208	100
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Identified disability	2	9	2	9	2479	17	2	100	2	100	2454	100	2	100	2	100	2455	100	2	100	2	100	2451	99
Current LEP	5	23	5	23	374	3	5	100	5	100	359	96	5	100	5	100	370	99	5	100	5	100	366	98
Economically disadvantaged	17	77	17	77	5848	41	17	100	17	100	5815	100	17	100	17	100	5819	100	17	100	17	100	5812	100
Migrant	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	100	0	0	0	0	8	100	0	0	0	0	8	100

MODE OF PARTICIPATION ³	ELA-Reading						Mathematics						Science					
	School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State		School		SAU		State	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participation without accommodations	12	55	12	55	10849	76	12	55	12	55	10872	76	18	82	18	82	10976	77
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	298	3	0	0	0	0	307	3	0	0	0	0	338	3
LEP	4	33	4	33	170	2	4	33	4	33	169	2	5	28	5	28	177	2
504 plan	0	0	0	0	123	1	0	0	0	0	121	1	0	0	0	0	126	1
Participation with accommodations	10	45	10	45	3122	22	10	45	10	45	3124	22	4	18	4	18	3019	21
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	2	20	2	20	1992	64	2	20	2	20	2000	64	2	50	2	50	1971	65
LEP	1	10	1	10	184	6	1	10	1	10	196	6	0	0	0	0	184	6
504 plan	0	0	0	0	84	3	0	0	0	0	86	3	0	0	0	0	81	3
Other	7	70	7	70	907	29	7	70	7	70	886	28	2	50	2	50	826	27
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	0	0	0	0	164	1	0	0	0	0	148	1	0	0	0	0	142	1
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0	0	0	164	100	0	0	0	0	148	100	0	0	0	0	142	100
LEP	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	5	4
504 plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approved non-participation in reading – 1st year LEP	0	0	0	0	0	0												
Approved non-participation – special consideration	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
Non-participation – other	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	55	0

¹Percents are the percentage of students enrolled in each participation category.

²Percents are the percentage of students, including those who participated through alternate assessment (PAAP), who participated in the content area.

³Percents are the percentage of students in each content area by mode.

ELA–READING RESULTS

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: MSAD 24
School: Van Buren Elementary School

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing in-depth inferences, analyzing texts for subtle clues, synthesizing information across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to make deeper connections within or across texts to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 562–580)	2006-2007			1	4	702	5
	2007-2008	1	4	1	4	659	5
	2008-2009	1	5	1	5	836	6
	Cum. Total*			3	4	2197	5
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing inferences, summarizing main ideas and providing supporting details, connecting ideas within and across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 542–560)	2006-2007			12	46	7730	55
	2007-2008	15	60	15	60	8195	58
	2008-2009	11	50	11	50	8495	61
	Cum. Total*			38	52	24420	58
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s ability to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, and use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices varies depending on the texts. (Scaled Score 532–540)	2006-2007			12	46	4182	30
	2007-2008	6	24	6	24	3800	27
	2008-2009	6	27	6	27	3667	26
	Cum. Total*			24	33	11649	28
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a limited ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student’s responses are often vague or incorrect leaving the impression that the student found it difficult to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, or use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to support comprehension. (Scaled Score 500–530)	2006-2007			1	4	1419	10
	2007-2008	3	12	3	12	1362	10
	2008-2009	4	18	4	18	973	7
	Cum. Total*			8	11	3754	9

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Reading Total Points	48	100	28.0	58.3	28.0	58.3	30.8	64.2
A1/A2 Interconnected Elements/Literary Text	24	50	13.6	56.7	13.6	56.7	15.0	62.5
A1/A3 Interconnected Elements/Informational Text	24	50	14.4	60.0	14.4	60.0	15.8	65.8

The MEA assesses students’ reading skills based on questions related to two types of reading passages: literary and informational. Reading passages include both long and short texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. MEA reading items measure the English Language Arts accountability content standard A, Reading, contained in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at:
<http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.



ELA-READING RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

Test Date: March 2009
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REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	22	1	5	11	50	6	27	4	18	542	22	5	50	27	18	542	13971	6	61	26	7	546
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						381	2	44	31	23	540
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						110	0	48	38	14	541
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						252	11	58	21	11	547
Hispanic	1										1						166	4	54	32	10	543
Caucasian/White	21	1	5	11	52	6	29	3	14	543	21	5	52	29	14	543	13062	6	62	26	6	546
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	2										2						2290	0	29	47	23	537
No	20	1	5	11	55	5	25	3	15	543	20	5	55	25	15	543	11681	7	67	22	4	548
Current LEP																						
Yes	5	0	0	3	60	2	40	0	0	546	5	0	60	40	0	546	354	1	35	34	30	538
No	17	1	6	8	47	4	24	4	24	541	17	6	47	24	24	541	13617	6	61	26	6	546
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	17	1	6	7	41	6	35	3	18	541	17	6	41	35	18	541	5716	2	51	35	12	542
No	5	0	0	4	80	0	0	1	20	545	5	0	80	0	20	545	8255	9	67	20	4	548
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						8	0	38	25	38	538
No	22	1	5	11	50	6	27	4	18	542	22	5	50	27	18	542	13963	6	61	26	7	546
Gender																						
Female	11	1	9	4	36	4	36	2	18	541	11	9	36	36	18	541	6882	8	62	24	6	547
Male	11	0	0	7	64	2	18	2	18	543	11	0	64	18	18	543	7089	4	60	28	8	545
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						1914	1	41	44	14	540
No	22	1	5	11	50	6	27	4	18	542	22	5	50	27	18	542	12057	7	64	23	6	547
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						450	26	72	2	0	557
No	22	1	5	11	50	6	27	4	18	542	22	5	50	27	18	542	13521	5	60	27	7	545

E = Exceeds the Standards M = Meets the Standards P = Partially Meets the Standards D = Does Not Meet the Standards

NOTE: Some achievement level results have been left blank because fewer than five (5) students were tested. N = Number

ELA-READING RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	9	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	50	531	9	0	0	50	50	531	4	2	40	34	24	540
B. less than one hour	59	1	8	8	62	2	15	2	15	544	59	8	62	15	15	544	70	6	63	26	6	546
C. one to two hours	32	0	0	3	43	3	43	1	14	541	32	0	43	43	14	541	24	7	61	26	6	546
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	4	42	33	21	541
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading?																						
A. very good	9	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	542	9	0	50	50	0	542	36	10	67	18	5	549
B. good	77	1	6	9	53	4	24	3	18	544	77	6	53	24	18	544	47	5	62	27	6	546
C. fair	9	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	50	535	9	0	50	0	50	535	15	2	47	40	12	541
D. poor	5	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	534	5	0	0	100	0	534	2	0	30	46	24	537
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class.	45	0	0	4	40	4	40	2	20	541	45	0	40	40	20	541	31	9	65	20	5	548
B. They match some of what I have learned.	41	1	11	7	78	1	11	0	0	548	41	11	78	11	0	548	55	5	63	27	5	546
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	525	9	0	0	0	100	525	10	3	45	38	14	542
D. There is no match.	5	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	534	5	0	0	100	0	534	3	1	31	41	27	537
How difficult was the reading part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	14	0	0	2	67	0	0	1	33	536	14	0	67	0	33	536	16	3	49	32	15	542
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	77	0	0	8	47	6	35	3	18	541	77	0	47	35	18	541	64	7	63	25	5	547
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	9	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	560	9	50	50	0	0	560	20	5	62	26	7	546
How difficult were the reading passages on this test?																						
A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read.	5	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	534	5	0	0	100	0	534	10	1	33	42	24	538
B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read.	73	0	0	8	50	4	25	4	25	541	73	0	50	25	25	541	52	4	61	29	6	545
C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	23	1	20	3	60	1	20	0	0	549	23	20	60	20	0	549	38	10	68	18	4	549
How much time do you spend reading at home each day?																						
A. more than one hour	14	1	33	0	0	1	33	1	33	543	14	33	0	33	33	543	20	10	64	21	5	548
B. 20 minutes to an hour	50	0	0	7	64	2	18	2	18	543	50	0	64	18	18	543	56	7	65	24	5	547
C. less than 20 minutes	14	0	0	2	67	1	33	0	0	546	14	0	67	33	0	546	10	3	52	33	12	543
D. I rarely read at home.	23	0	0	2	40	2	40	1	20	537	23	0	40	40	20	537	14	1	46	38	14	541
How many pages do you read in school and to complete homework assignments?																						
A. five or fewer pages	52	1	9	4	36	3	27	3	27	541	52	9	36	27	27	541	25	3	53	33	11	543
B. six to ten pages	24	0	0	3	60	1	20	1	20	540	24	0	60	20	20	540	26	6	61	26	7	546
C. eleven or more pages	24	0	0	3	60	2	40	0	0	545	24	0	60	40	0	545	49	8	65	23	5	547
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information; analyze and solve difficult problems, including developing and implementing strategies, efficiently and accurately performing procedures, and recording and justifying solutions; and explain complex concepts. (Scaled Score 562–580)	2006-2007			2	8	1711	12
	2007-2008	1	4	1	4	1617	12
	2008-2009	4	18	4	18	2119	15
	Cum. Total*			7	10	5447	13
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve problems including developing and implementing strategies, to perform procedures, and to record and explain solutions and concepts. The student’s work may contain minor errors. (Scaled Score 542–560)	2006-2007			13	50	6778	48
	2007-2008	16	64	16	64	7284	52
	2008-2009	5	23	5	23	7046	50
	Cum. Total*			34	47	21108	50
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems, and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies may be flawed, procedures performed inaccurately, methods not recorded and/or problems not completed. (Scaled Score 530–540)	2006-2007			10	38	3884	28
	2007-2008	3	12	3	12	3341	24
	2008-2009	8	36	8	36	3193	23
	Cum. Total*			21	29	10418	25
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies and procedures are often flawed or inappropriate and there may be many omissions. (Scaled Score 500–528)	2006-2007			1	4	1683	12
	2007-2008	5	20	5	20	1778	13
	2008-2009	5	23	5	23	1638	12
	Cum. Total*			11	15	5099	12

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Mathematics Total Points	48	100	23.3	48.5	23.3	48.5	25.5	53.1
A. Number	18	38	9.5	52.8	9.5	52.8	9.8	54.4
B. Data	10	21	4.1	41.0	4.1	41.0	5.2	52.0
C. Geometry	10	21	4.0	40.0	4.0	40.0	4.7	47.0
D. Algebra	10	21	5.7	57.0	5.7	57.0	5.7	57.0

The MEA assesses students’ mathematics knowledge based on questions that measure the mathematics accountability content standards contained in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.

Content Standard A, Number, includes Whole Number, Rational Number, and Real Number.

Content Standard B, Data, includes Measurement and Approximation, Data Analysis, and Probability.

Content Standard C, Geometry, includes Geometric Figures, Geometric Measurement, and Transformations.

Content Standard D, Algebra, includes Symbols and Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, and Functions and Relations.

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	22	4	18	5	23	8	36	5	23	543	22	18	23	36	23	543	13996	15	50	23	12	547
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						385	6	35	28	30	537
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						110	5	42	34	20	540
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						257	19	50	20	12	548
Hispanic	1										1						166	9	43	31	17	543
Caucasian/White	21	4	19	5	24	7	33	5	24	543	21	19	24	33	24	543	13078	15	51	23	11	547
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	2										2						2307	3	32	32	33	536
No	20	4	20	5	25	8	40	3	15	545	20	20	25	40	15	545	11689	17	54	21	8	549
Current LEP																						
Yes	5	1	20	2	40	2	40	0	0	550	5	20	40	40	0	550	365	5	33	30	32	536
No	17	3	18	3	18	6	35	5	29	541	17	18	18	35	29	541	13631	15	51	23	11	547
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	17	3	18	3	18	6	35	5	29	541	17	18	18	35	29	541	5731	7	46	29	18	542
No	5	1	20	2	40	2	40	0	0	550	5	20	40	40	0	550	8265	21	53	19	7	550
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						8	0	38	50	13	540
No	22	4	18	5	23	8	36	5	23	543	22	18	23	36	23	543	13988	15	50	23	12	547
Gender																						
Female	11	3	27	1	9	4	36	3	27	542	11	27	9	36	27	542	6889	14	51	23	12	546
Male	11	1	9	4	36	4	36	2	18	543	11	9	36	36	18	543	7107	16	50	23	11	547
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						1918	3	39	36	22	539
No	22	4	18	5	23	8	36	5	23	543	22	18	23	36	23	543	12078	17	52	21	10	548
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						450	64	34	2	0	564
No	22	4	18	5	23	8	36	5	23	543	22	18	23	36	23	543	13546	14	51	23	12	546

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2009
Grade: 5
SAU: MSAD 24
School: Van Buren Elementary School

QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	9	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	50	532	9	0	0	50	50	532	4	8	38	26	28	539
B. less than one hour	59	2	15	3	23	5	38	3	23	542	59	15	23	38	23	542	70	15	52	23	10	547
C. one to two hours	32	2	29	2	29	2	29	1	14	547	32	29	29	29	14	547	24	15	51	23	11	547
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	9	37	24	30	539
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?																						
A. very good	36	3	38	2	25	2	25	1	13	548	36	38	25	25	13	548	34	28	50	14	8	552
B. good	45	1	10	2	20	6	60	1	10	543	45	10	20	60	10	543	45	11	54	24	10	546
C. fair	14	0	0	1	33	0	0	2	67	535	14	0	33	0	67	535	18	3	45	33	19	540
D. poor	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	524	5	0	0	0	100	524	3	1	29	41	29	535
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics class.	45	1	10	3	30	5	50	1	10	543	45	10	30	50	10	543	38	22	52	19	7	550
B. They match some of what I have learned.	36	3	38	1	13	3	38	1	13	549	36	38	13	38	13	549	48	12	53	24	11	546
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	14	0	0	1	33	0	0	2	67	534	14	0	33	0	67	534	11	6	40	30	24	540
D. There is no match.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	524	5	0	0	0	100	524	3	6	26	29	38	534
How difficult was the mathematics part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	18	0	0	1	25	0	0	3	75	532	18	0	25	0	75	532	17	7	42	30	21	540
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	64	3	21	2	14	7	50	2	14	544	64	21	14	50	14	544	64	15	53	23	10	547
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	18	1	25	2	50	1	25	0	0	550	18	25	50	25	0	550	19	24	49	17	10	550
On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class?																						
A. less than 30 minutes	14	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	535	14	0	33	33	33	535	7	6	39	27	27	539
B. 30–45 minutes	36	1	13	1	13	3	38	3	38	540	36	13	13	38	38	540	28	9	49	28	15	544
C. 45–60 minutes	27	1	17	2	33	3	50	0	0	547	27	17	33	50	0	547	41	17	53	21	9	548
D. more than 60 minutes	23	2	40	1	20	1	20	1	20	548	23	40	20	20	20	548	24	21	51	20	8	549
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	524	5	0	0	0	100	524	6	14	43	24	20	543
B. two or three days a week	36	0	0	1	13	6	75	1	13	539	36	0	13	75	13	539	24	17	52	21	10	548
C. two or three times each month	36	2	25	3	38	2	25	1	13	549	36	25	38	25	13	549	33	17	52	21	9	548
D. never or almost never	23	2	40	1	20	0	0	2	40	544	23	40	20	0	40	544	38	12	49	25	14	545
How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class?																						
A. almost every day	27	1	17	2	33	2	33	1	17	545	27	17	33	33	17	545	23	13	47	26	15	545
B. two or three days a week	41	2	22	2	22	5	56	0	0	547	41	22	22	56	0	547	31	17	52	21	10	548
C. two or three times each month	18	0	0	1	25	1	25	2	50	535	18	0	25	25	50	535	27	17	52	21	10	548
D. never or almost never	14	1	33	0	0	0	0	2	67	539	14	33	0	0	67	539	20	12	50	24	14	545
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

SCIENCE RESULTS

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL					
		School		SAU		State	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in science, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information, analyze and solve difficult problems, and explain complex concepts using evidence and proper terminology to support and communicate logical conclusions. (Scaled Score 562–580)	2008-2009*	0	0	0	0	626	4
Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in science, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve routine problems and explain central concepts with sufficient clarity and accuracy to demonstrate general understanding. (Scaled Score 542–560)	2008-2009*	5	23	5	23	7187	51
Partially Meets the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in science and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems but the quality of responses is inconsistent. Explanation of concepts may be incomplete or unclear. (Scaled Score 532–540)	2008-2009*	13	59	13	59	4364	31
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student’s work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in science and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student’s responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems. Explanations are illogical, incomplete, or missing. There are many inaccuracies. (Scaled Score 500–530)	2008-2009*	4	18	4	18	1818	13

Learning Results Content Standards	Number of Points Possible		Average Points Attained (Number and Percent)					
			School		SAU		State	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Science Total Points	48	100	24.9	51.9	24.9	51.9	29.2	60.8
D. The Physical Setting	24	50	10.8	45.0	10.8	45.0	12.9	53.8
E. The Living Environment	24	50	14.1	58.8	14.1	58.8	16.3	67.9

The MEA assesses students’ science knowledge based on questions that measure the science accountability content standards highlighted in Maine’s 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html>.

Content Standard D. The Physical Setting
D1 - Universe and Solar System
D2 - Earth
D3 - Matter and Energy
D4 - Force and Motion

Content Standard E. The Living Environment
E1 - Biodiversity
E2 - Ecosystems
E3 - Cells
E4 - Heredity and Reproduction
E5 - Evolution

SCIENCE RESULTS

(CONTINUED)

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REPORTING CATEGORIES	School										SAU						State					
	Tested	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Tested	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		N	%	%	%	%		N	%	%	%	%	
All Students	22	0	0	5	23	13	59	4	18	536	22	0	23	59	18	536	13995	4	51	31	13	543
Ethnicity																						
African American/Black	0										0						382	2	31	32	35	535
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0										0						110	3	36	35	26	538
Asian or Pacific Islander	0										0						256	5	51	27	17	542
Hispanic	1										1						167	1	40	37	22	539
Caucasian/White	21	0	0	5	24	13	62	3	14	537	21	0	24	62	14	537	13080	5	52	31	12	544
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Identified disability																						
Yes	2										2						2309	2	29	39	29	536
No	20	0	0	5	25	13	65	2	10	538	20	0	25	65	10	538	11686	5	56	30	10	545
Current LEP																						
Yes	5	0	0	2	40	3	60	0	0	544	5	0	40	60	0	544	361	1	23	32	44	533
No	17	0	0	3	18	10	59	4	24	534	17	0	18	59	24	534	13634	5	52	31	12	544
Economically disadvantaged																						
Yes	17	0	0	4	24	9	53	4	24	535	17	0	24	53	24	535	5729	2	42	37	20	539
No	5	0	0	1	20	4	80	0	0	540	5	0	20	80	0	540	8266	6	58	27	8	546
Migrant																						
Yes	0										0						8	0	25	13	63	530
No	22	0	0	5	23	13	59	4	18	536	22	0	23	59	18	536	13987	4	51	31	13	543
Gender																						
Female	11	0	0	2	18	7	64	2	18	536	11	0	18	64	18	536	6886	4	49	33	14	542
Male	11	0	0	3	27	6	55	2	18	536	11	0	27	55	18	536	7109	5	54	29	12	544
Not Reported	0										0						0					
Title 1A targeted program																						
Yes	0										0						1917	1	31	41	28	536
No	22	0	0	5	23	13	59	4	18	536	22	0	23	59	18	536	12078	5	55	30	11	544
Gifted/talented program																						
Yes	0										0						450	25	72	2	1	557
No	22	0	0	5	23	13	59	4	18	536	22	0	23	59	18	536	13545	4	51	32	13	543

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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	School										SAU						State					
	Students in Each Category	E		M		P		D		Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		%	%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%	%	
How much homework do you do on school nights?																						
A. none	9	0	0	0	0	1	50	1	50	521	9	0	0	50	50	521	4	2	37	35	25	538
B. less than one hour	59	0	0	3	23	8	62	2	15	537	59	0	23	62	15	537	70	4	53	31	12	544
C. one to two hours	32	0	0	2	29	4	57	1	14	539	32	0	29	57	14	539	24	5	51	31	12	544
D. more than two hours	0										0						2	4	39	31	26	539
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in science?																						
A. very good	18	0	0	1	25	2	50	1	25	531	18	0	25	50	25	531	26	7	56	26	11	545
B. good	64	0	0	4	29	9	64	1	7	539	64	0	29	64	7	539	53	4	53	31	11	544
C. fair	18	0	0	0	0	2	50	2	50	531	18	0	0	50	50	531	18	2	41	39	17	540
D. poor	0										0						3	1	33	36	30	536
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about science?																						
A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in science class.	9	0	0	0	0	2	100	0	0	532	9	0	0	100	0	532	23	5	56	28	11	544
B. They match some of what I have learned.	41	0	0	3	33	5	56	1	11	538	41	0	33	56	11	538	48	5	52	31	12	544
C. They match just a little of what I have learned.	36	0	0	2	25	4	50	2	25	536	36	0	25	50	25	536	23	4	49	33	14	543
D. There is no match.	14	0	0	0	0	2	67	1	33	533	14	0	0	67	33	533	6	3	40	34	23	539
How difficult was the science part of this test?																						
A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork	36	0	0	1	13	5	63	2	25	534	36	0	13	63	25	534	23	5	48	31	16	543
B. about the same as my regular schoolwork	59	0	0	3	23	8	62	2	15	536	59	0	23	62	15	536	58	4	52	32	12	543
C. easier than my regular schoolwork	5	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	548	5	0	100	0	0	548	19	6	53	29	11	544
How often do you have science classes?																						
A. every day	0										0						33	5	51	31	14	543
B. a few times a week	10	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	540	10	0	50	50	0	540	45	4	52	32	11	544
C. once a week	86	0	0	4	22	12	67	2	11	537	86	0	22	67	11	537	8	4	50	30	16	542
D. a few times a month	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	528	5	0	0	0	100	528	15	4	52	30	14	543
Which statement best describes how you learn science?																						
A. I mostly read a textbook and answer questions, and/or take notes and do assignments. I use science kits for demonstrations and experiments.	14	0	0	1	33	1	33	1	33	537	14	0	33	33	33	537	30	3	48	35	14	542
B. I work in groups to design and conduct experiments.	50	0	0	2	18	8	73	1	9	535	50	0	18	73	9	535	23	2	43	37	18	540
C. I do a combination of A and B, mostly A.	18	0	0	0	0	2	50	2	50	529	18	0	0	50	50	529	27	6	58	26	9	546
D. I do a combination of A and B, mostly B.	18	0	0	2	50	2	50	0	0	546	18	0	50	50	0	546	21	6	58	27	10	545
How often do you make observations and collect data in science class?																						
A. a few times a week	41	0	0	2	22	5	56	2	22	535	41	0	22	56	22	535	47	4	51	32	12	543
B. a few times a month	36	0	0	3	38	5	63	0	0	540	36	0	38	63	0	540	27	5	54	30	11	544
C. once a month	18	0	0	0	0	3	75	1	25	535	18	0	0	75	25	535	10	5	49	30	15	543
D. never or almost never	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	528	5	0	0	0	100	528	15	3	48	32	16	542
How often do you use observations and data to support your idea about science?																						
A. a few times a week	50	0	0	2	18	7	64	2	18	537	50	0	18	64	18	537	46	4	52	32	12	543
B. a few times a month	27	0	0	2	33	4	67	0	0	539	27	0	33	67	0	539	28	5	53	30	12	544
C. once a month	5	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	532	5	0	0	100	0	532	11	4	47	34	15	542
D. never or almost never	18	0	0	1	25	1	25	2	50	531	18	0	25	25	50	531	15	4	50	30	16	542
Optional school/SAU question																						
A.	0										0											
B.	0										0											
C.	0										0											
D.	0										0											

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